

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Councilmen of the Town of Rural Hall went into closed session on January 3, 2022 at 4:25 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5), and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). The following members were present: Mayor Timothy M. Flinchum; Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon; Councilman Norman E. Horn; Councilman Terry M. Bennett; Town Manager Misty Meadows; and Interim Town Attorney Randolph M. James.

The following items were discussed:

- Sanford Holshouser Contract: The Town retained Sanford Holshouser for a ten-year strategic plan for \$55,000. A payment of \$15,000 has already been paid. The contract has been cancelled and the balance will not be paid. The Town has not received any data/results from Sanford Holshouser. Randy has contacted Sanford Holshouser and is waiting for a response.
- Current litigation and former Manager Garner's previous claims and documents were discussed. Randy shared that Garner's attorney Valerie Bateman acknowledged that Garner's settlement agreement did not comply with general statutes and is therefore void.
- 8001 Broad Street Property (former Brenda Flynt property that burned: Former Manager Garner and former Attorney Burge were supposed to construct and an agreement between the Town and the new owner of 8001 Broad Street. This was mishandled by Megan Garner and Barry Burge and no agreement was found. The Town is reviewing its options of how to move forward and will most likely start over with the code enforcement process.
- Former Attorney Burge did not respond to Randy when asked about his itemized final bill.
- 7420 Church Street (Shirley Tuttle's Property by Covington Park): Previous council discussed possibly acquiring this property. We need to contact Shirley Tuttle and see if she is still trying to sell the property and get more information.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Susan H. Gordon made a motion to adjourn the closed session at 6:57 PM. Councilman Norman E. Horn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Misty A. Meadows
Town Manager